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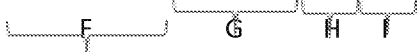
Hi Claudia,

Thank you for the information. I will relay it to IDPH. I have another question with regards to the "Federal Inspection Sample Number". We have always numbered it as:

Federal Inspection Sample Numbers

The Federal inspection sample numbers are 14 digits and written as follows:

**030819114050201**



The number is comprised of the following:

F – The date the Federal inspection occurred.

G – The investigating inspector's Federal credential number.

H – The Federal inspection for the inspector for that day.

I – The sample number for the inspection.

I just contacted an IDPH inspector regarding "G" of that example because her number was different than we have previously seen in that it contained a letter and was 10 characters long. Our inspectors' credential numbers are 5 digits. Her credential number is "1805072415V" How should her Federal Inspection Sample Number be written? Should it contain all 10 characters? Please let me know when you have time.

Thank you,

Michelle



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**Subject:** [External] [WARNING: MESSAGE ENCRYPTED]RE: Chain of Custody - question- 2 different forms attached

Hi Suzanne:

I've attached a copy of the current chain of custody form for samples collected under federal credentials. Any other versions of the form are obsolete so this form (revision 07/09) should be used. It looks like the first page of your scan is the current version of the chain of custody and the second page of your scan appears to be an obsolete form.

Hope this helps! Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Thanks!

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Claudia... can you tell me which one we should be using?... we got both of these from IDPH when bringing in samples into the lab... please advise... thanks!

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